

21 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Agency Safety Program

1. Attached are memos from Security outlining the status of the Agency Safety Program (14 Nov 55) and reasons why we cannot participate in the President's Safety Award Program (17 Nov 55). The enclosure describing progress made in the Safety Program since receipt of the 11 Oct 54 letter from the President urging a vigorous safety program is impressive. Security is now preparing a Notice on safety.

2. Communications which we have received concerning the Safety Program are attached. None of them specifically calls for a reply. However, I would suggest that Security be requested to get in touch with whoever is responsible to the Secretary of Labor for the Safety Award Program and give appropriate informal notice that we simply are not in a position to compete in the Program.

3. I have no way of knowing the extent of the Director's interest in this matter. I would guess that his interest is not pressing, however, and suggest that you let the matter ride until such time as the proposed Safety Notice is presented to you. At that time it would seem appropriate to advise the Director that we have an excellent program underway which the Notice backstops, and that we are not in a position to participate in the Award Program for security reasons.

4. Please advise if you wish me to follow up further. I have set up the Notice as a suspense item. I will talk with Colonel Edwards about contacting the Safety Award Program head, if you wish.

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